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**The Department of Housing and Community Development
Awards \$210.7 Million in Proposition 46 Funding
to Create Housing Opportunities for Thousands of Californians**

(OAKLAND) – California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Director Lynn L. Jacobs today was joined by Business, Transportation and Housing Agency Secretary Sunne Wright McPeak in announcing over \$210.7 million in Proposition 46 funds. The awards were distributed among 42 counties to provide housing opportunities for more than 11,397 of California's hardworking families and neediest residents. Proposition 46 is the \$2.1 billion housing bond approved by voters in November 2002.

"When I became Governor, I ordered that Proposition 46 funding be expedited so homes and shelters could be built more quickly," said Gov. Schwarzenegger. "I am also proud to announce the first award of funds from my Initiative to End Chronic Homelessness. The award is given to a project in the city of Santa Cruz dedicated to helping chronically homeless individuals receive the shelter and services they need to regain a healthy and productive life. "The Initiative to End Chronic Homelessness offers \$40 million to assist homeless individuals and families transition to permanent, stable housing and lives.

"Gov. Schwarzenegger is committed to making affordable housing a reality for hardworking Californians and our neediest residents," said Secretary McPeak. "Today's awards will help 11,397 families or individuals achieve that dream while supporting local economies through construction related activities."

Awards were made through the following HCD programs:

- \$129.9 million in awards through the Multifamily Housing Program and its Supportive Housing Component will provide permanent low-interest loans for the construction of new affordable apartment homes and rehabilitation of existing affordable units. Californians who make up the vital workforce that is the backbone of our economy, including seniors, the disabled, homeless and those transitioning from homelessness, are among the future residents of the homes that will be constructed or rehabilitated. The awards will help 2,262 California families or individuals realize the dream of an affordable rental home.

- \$23.1 million through the CalHome Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods Program (BEGIN), which makes grants to cities and counties that have reduced regulatory barriers to the construction of new, affordable ownership housing. Barriers can include such constraints as minimum lot or floor area sizes that make housing more expensive. The grants are for down payment assistance loans to low- and moderate-income first-time buyers of 769 homes in BEGIN projects.
- \$23 million is awarded through the Workforce Housing Reward Program which provides financial incentives to cities and counties for issuance of building permits for 6,894 new homes affordable to lower income households. Cities and counties approved 6,228 new rental homes and issued permits for 666 homeownership units for lower income families. Of the 83 local governments receiving Workforce Housing Program awards, 44 also received bonus grant funds for their significant progress in meeting their overall housing need.
- \$19.8 million through the Emergency Housing Assistance Program – Capital Development Component which awards funds capital development activities for emergency shelters, transitional housing and safe havens that provide shelter and supportive services for homeless individuals and families with 766 shelter spaces.
- \$2.1 million through the CalHome Self-Help Technical Assistance Allocation (CHSHTAA) which awards funds for activities such as construction supervision and training, site and house plan selection, homeownership training and help with building permits and inspections for the development of 223 homes for low or very low income households using the hands-on self-help method of building their own homes.
- \$11.3 million in commitments through the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program which offers loans and grants for construction and rehabilitation of affordable owner-occupied and rental apartment homes for farm workers and their families with 188 dormitory spaces. These funds will help 280 farm worker families secure affordable housing. Activities funded include land acquisition, site development, construction and rehabilitation.
- \$1.5 million providing for 15 homes through the Governor's Initiative to End Chronic Homelessness which recognizes the need for more permanent housing for our chronically homeless.

“The awards announced today will help local communities remove regulatory barriers and increase homeownership,” said Director Jacobs. “They will also provide California’s essential workforce and their families the safe and affordable housing they urgently need to live and work in their communities.”

HCD provides leadership, policies and programs to preserve and expand safe and affordable housing opportunities and promote strong communities for all Californians. The Department also supports increasing the supply of housing, especially affordable housing and works to improve the state’s housing conditions and the health and safety of its residents. As the lead housing department, HCD is part of the state Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.

San Francisco/Bay Area Region

The San Francisco/Bay Area Region will receive more than \$59.9 million to provide housing for 3,425 families and individuals. This includes over \$39.1 million creating affordable apartment homes through the Multifamily Housing Program and its Supportive Housing Component, \$6.5 million in Workforce Housing Reward Program funds, \$9.2 million in BEGIN awards, and \$4.6 in awards through the Emergency Housing Assistance Program - Capital Development Component and \$420,000 in awards through the CalHome Self-Help Technical Assistance Allocation. (For details, see Editor's Note.)

Los Angeles Region

The Los Angeles Region will receive more than \$42.9 million to provide housing for 2,577 families and individuals. This includes over \$19.5 million creating affordable apartment homes through the Multifamily Housing Program, \$6.1 million in Workforce Housing Reward Program funds, \$7.8 million in BEGIN awards, and \$9.5 in awards through the Emergency Housing Assistance Program - Capital Development Component. (For details, see Editor's Note.)

Other Regions

Other regions will receive more than \$39.6 million to provide housing for 1,589 families and individuals. This includes over \$26.4 million creating affordable apartment homes through the Multifamily Housing Program and its Supportive Housing Component, \$1.6 million in Workforce Housing Reward Program funds, \$300,000 in BEGIN awards, \$2.7 million in awards through the Emergency Housing Assistance Program - Capital Development Component, \$648,000 through the CalHome Self-Help Technical Assistance Allocation, \$6.5 million in awards through the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program, and \$1.5 million through the Governor's Initiative to End Chronic Homelessness . (For details, see Editor's Note.)

San Diego Region

The San Diego Region will receive more than \$20 million to provide housing for 412 families. This includes over \$19.5 million creating affordable apartment homes through the Multifamily Housing Program, and \$500,000 in Workforce Housing Reward Program funds. (For details, see Editor's Note.)

Inland Empire

The Inland Empire will receive more than \$23.7 million to provide housing for 866 families and individuals in the Inland Empire. This includes over \$19.2 million creating affordable apartment homes through the Multifamily Housing Program, \$.5 million through the Workforce Housing Reward Program, and \$.9 million in awards through CalHome Self-Help Technical Assistance Allocation, and \$3.8 million in awards through the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program. (For details, see Editor's Note.)

Central Valley

The Central Valley will receive more than \$9.7 million to provide housing for 1,440 families and individuals. This includes over \$5.7 million in Workforce Housing Reward Program funds, \$1.4 million in BEGIN awards, and \$2 million in awards through the Emergency Housing Assistance Program - Capital Development Component, \$.1 million in awards through the CalHome Self-Help Technical Assistance Allocation, and \$.5 million in awards through the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program. (For details, see Editor's Note.)

Greater Sacramento/Stockton Region

The Greater Sacramento/Stockton Region will receive \$15 million to provide housing for 1,088 families and individuals in the Greater Sacramento/Stockton Region. This includes over \$6.2 million to create affordable apartment homes through the Multifamily Housing Program and its Supportive Housing Component, \$1 million in Emergency Housing Assistance Program - Capital Development Component funds, over \$4.3 million in BEGIN awards, \$2.1 million through the Workforce Housing Reward Program, and \$.9 million in awards through CalHome Self-Help Technical Assistance Allocation, and \$.5 million in awards through the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program. (For details, see Editor's Note.)

Editor's Note:

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